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**Title:** HIV-1 VPR INTERACTIONS WITH MITOCHONDRIAL APOPTOSIS INDUCING FACTOR  
AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is hereby submitted in response to the Final Rejection dated November 26, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration. The Office has set a three-month statutory period for reply. The reply and amendment are therefore timely filed.

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